NHSLHA Board Meeting Agenda

Monday September 8th, 2025

Chair: Amy Rea

In attendance: Debbie Bennett, Julia Bosco, Kaitlyn VanBennekum, Katie Wachel, Lisa Minahan, Wendy Lybrand, Meg Morgan, Quira Rodgers, Amanda Perry, Amy Rea, Cassandra Healey, Keri Miloro, Collean Combs, Tia Barton, Nealy Mason

Absent: William Flanders, Morgan Ranfos

Call to order: 7:04

Motion to approve minutes:

- June 27th, 2025 retreat meeting minutes
  - 1st approved by Debbie Bennett and 2nd approved by Lisa Minahan
  - All in favor

Positions/Roles open:

- ASHA STaR

Upcoming Board Meetings/Chair(s):

Month	Date	Board/ Committees	Chair/Lead:
September 2025	9/8 @ 7:00	Full Board	Amy Rea
	9/12 @ 5:30	Website Committee	
October 2025		Conference Committee meeting-Sept/Oct?	
November 2025	11/6 @ 7:00 11/10 @ 7:00	11/6 Cleft Palate Webinar Full Board	 Julia Bosco
December 2025			
January 2026	1/12 @ 7:00	Full Board	Katie Wachel

February 2026		Conference Committee Website Committee	
March 2026	3/9 @ 7:00	Full Board	Lisa Minahan
April 2026	Conference Projected date 4/10		
May 2026	5/11 @ 7:00	Full Board	Wendy
June 2026	6/26?	Annual Retreat	Debbie?

New items:

- ASHA Student Advocacy Grant Applications are Open if the board is interested
    - Potential time to schedule in Spring
    - Meg will initiate planning for Student Advocacy Day
- CSAP Conference Registration: https://csap.org/event-6277056
    - CSAP event in ASHA
        - 1st approved Julia Bosco
        - 2nd approved Wendy
- Scheduling a medical-based online meet-up (any other possible settings for meet-ups)
    - Potential "Lunch and Learn" option to frame is as a drop in hour so its not as much pressure for the time commitment
    - Kaitlyn and Keri will connect to draft an all provider meet up
    - Fishercats Speech meet up in Spring is a potential idea (Wendy will reach out)
- UNH SLPA program is looking for clinical placements for student SLPAs.
- Also we (NHSLHA presidents) joined Willow Henry, President of APTA NH, and Danielle Amero, President of NHOTA, to write a letter to BCBS to ask them to eliminate their requirement of indicating 'time in' and 'time out' for CPT code billing in NH. Maine, CT, and Mass had been successful with their efforts to become exempt from that requirement and worked collaboratively with OT and SLP to accomplish this.
    - Our advocacy efforts were successful, I got a notice from Willow this morning that Anthem BC/BS changed their requirement; billing codes can now be entered as usual with no time in/time out reporting for allied health claims in NH.
- Conference committee

- Lisa is in the process of still reaching out to ASHA about scheduling a supervision webinar
- Looking towards scheduling next year

Officer Reports- No updates to report at this time.

- **President(s) -** Debbie, President; Lisa, Past President; Wendy, President Elect
- **Treasurer-** Debbie
  - See report Debbie sent on 9/8/2025
- **VP of Professional Development** -Lisa
- **VP of Gov. Relations & Public Policy -**Wendy
- **VP of Membership: Coordination-** Katie
- **VP of Membership: Outreach-** Keri
- **VP of Public Relations -**Meg

Standing Committee Reports-

- ***Professional Development (a.k.a. Conference committee)*** **-**Lisa, Keri, Meg, Cassandra, Debbie, Morgan R
  - Potential Conference schedule
    - Literacy across the lifespan with Laura Gonnerman as keynote in AM
    - 2 or 3 tracks for PM
      - AAC and Literacy with Jess/Bowen-Taylor
      - Marianne Nice-school age literacy
        - Haven't heard back from her after 2 attempts
      - a possible option of adult population: Katharine Radville on topics of dyslexia or Elizabeth Hoover on topics of Aphasia
  - Lisa will reach out to schedule a date for conference committee
- ***Public Relations–Meg chair (Website, Meetups)*** - Amy R, Cassandra, Meg, Debbie, Amanda, Nealy, Quira
- **Nominating Committee** (Amanda, Debbie, Keri)
- **Legislative Committee** (Grant writing) - Vicki, Debbie, Wendy, Amanda
  - Wendy met with Tom Pearsol and team in August to discuss the idea of pushing for NH to move to statewide fingerprinting and background check clearance. Tom has since:

        - I have had conversations with Dee Juris (ED at OPLC), Senator Howard Pearl (Chair, Senate Executive Departments and Administration) and Representative Erica Layon (Chair, House E, D &A). All are interested but have questions about which professions should be included and also the cost to the state, which agency would house it, and protection of the data. It was suggested that we create a study committee to bring all the stakeholders and interested parties to the table to flush out the concept
- **Ad Hoc Committees:**

    Constitution Committee – Debbie, Amanda, Tia

    Interstate/New England Collaborative–Katie chair (Katie, Debbie, Amanda, Lisa)

Advisor Updates -

- Amanda – SLA
- Tia - Schools/SLS updates
- Amy Rea - Medical
- Lisa - Private Practice
- Bill – Audiology
- Cassandra-administrative assistant
    - The Speech Pathology Applied Behavior Analysis (SPABA) Conference email-Cassandra will send to board

Meeting adjourned: 8:17 pm